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HANGOUT 3 : the occupants or frequenters of a nest 4 a : a group of similar things : AGGREGATION (a ~ of giant mountains —Helen MacInnes) b : HOTBED 2 (a ~ of rebellion) 5 : a group of objects made to fit close together or one within another 6 : an emplaced group of weapons

nest *v* (13c) 1 : to build or occupy a nest; settle in or as if in a nest 2 : to fit compactly together or within one another : EMBED ~ *vi* 1 : to form nest for 2 : to pack compactly together 3 : to form a hierarchy, series, or sequence of with each member, element, or set contained in or containing the next (<~ed subroutines in a computer program)

nest egg *n* (14c) 1 : a natural or artificial egg left in a nest to induce a fowl to continue to lay there 2 : a fund of money accumulated, as a reserve

nest-er \nes-tər\ *n* (1880) 1 *West* : a homesteader or squatter who takes up land on open range for a farm 2 : one that nests

nest-le \nē-səl\ ~ *vb* **nest-led**; **nest-ling** \nēsl̄-ing\ [ME, fr. OE *nestlian*, fr. *nestl̄* *vi* (bef. 12c) 1 *archaic* : **NEST** 2 : to settle snugly or comfortably 3 : to lie in an inconspicuous or sheltered manner ~ *vi* 1 : to settle, shelter, or house in or as if in a nest (the children were **nest-led** all snug in their beds —Clement Moore) 2 : to press closely and affectionately (~s a kitten in her arms) — **nest-ler** \nēsl̄-lər\ *n* **nest-ling** \nēsl̄-ing\ *n* (14c) : a young bird that has not abandoned the nest

Nestor \nēs-tōr\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Nestōr*] 1 : a king of Pylos who serves in his old age as counselor to the Greeks at Troy 2 *often not cap* : one who is a patriarch or leader in a field

Nes-to-ri-an \nēs-tōrē-ən, -stōr-\ *adj* (1565) 1 : of or relating to the doctrine ascribed to Nestorius and ecclesiastically condemned in 431 that divine and human persons remained separate in the incarnate Christ 2 : of or relating to a church separating from Byzantine Christianity after 431, centering in Persia, and surviving chiefly in Asia Minor — **Nestorian** *n* — **Nes-to-ri-an-ism** \nēs-tōrē-izm\ *n*

net \nēt\ *n* [ME *nett*, fr. OE: akin to OHG *nezzī net*] (bef. 12c) 1 a : an open-meshed fabric twisted, knotted, or woven together at regular intervals b : something made of net: as (1) : a device for catching fish, birds, or insects (2) : a fabric barricade which divides a court in half (as in tennis or volleyball) and over which a ball or shuttlecock must be hit to be in play (3) : the fabric that encloses the sides and back of the goal in various games (as soccer or hockey) 2 : an entrapping device or situation (caught in the ~ of suspicious circumstances) 3 : something resembling a net in reticulation (as of lines, fibers, or figures) 4 a : a group of communications stations operating under unified control b : **NETWORK** 4 — **net-less** \nēt-l̄s\ *adj* — **net-like** \nēt-l̄k\ *adj* — **net-ty** \nēt-tē\ *adj*

net *vt* **net-ted**; **net-ting** (1593) 1 : to cover or enclose with or as if with a net 2 : to catch in or as if in a net 3 : to cover with or as if with a network 4 a : to hit (a ball) into the net for the loss of a point in a racket game b : to hit (a ball or puck) into the goal for a score (as in hockey or soccer) — **net-ter** *n*

net *adj* [ME, clean, bright, fr. MF — more at NEAT] (15c) 1 : free from all charges or deductions: as a : remaining after the deduction of all charges, outlay, or loss (~ earnings) (~ worth) — compare **GROSS** b : excluding all rare (~ weight) 2 : excluding all nonessential considerations — **FINAL**, **FINAL** (the ~ result) (~ effect)

net *vt* **net-ted**; **net-ting** (1758) 1 a : to receive by way of profit : **CLEAR** b : to produce by way of profit : **YIELD** 2 : to get possession of : **GAIN**

net *n* (ca. 1904) 1 : a net amount, profit, weight, or price 2 : the score of a golfer in a handicap match after deducting his handicap from his gross 3 : **ESSENCE**, **GIST**

nether \nē-thər\ *adj* [ME, fr. OE *nithera*, fr. *nither* down; akin to OHG *nidar* down, Skt *nī*] (bef. 12c) 1 : situated down or below : LOWER (the ~ side) 2 : situated or believed to be situated beneath the earth's surface (the ~ regions)

neth-er-most \nē-thə-mōst\ *adj* (14c) : farthest down : **LOWEST**

neth-er-world \nē-thər-wərl̄d\ *n* (1638) 1 : the world of the dead 2 : UNDERWORLD 4 (the ~ of deceit, subversion, and espionage —R. M. Nixon)

net-mind-er \nēt-mīndər\ *n* (1937) : **GOALKEEPER**

net-su-ke \nētsū-kē\, -kā-, -kē, -ke also **net-sū-** *n*, *pl* **netsuke** or **netsukes** [Jp] (1876) : a small and often intricately carved toggle (as of wood, ivory, or metal) used to fasten a small container to kimono sash

nett *Brit var of NET*

nett-ing \nēt-tēng\ *n* (1567) 1 : **NETWORK** 1 2 : the act or process of making a net or network 3 : the act, process, or right of fishing with a net

nett-le \nēt'l̄\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *netel*; akin to OHG *nazza* nettle, Gk *adikē*] (bef. 12c) 1 : any of a genus (*Urtica*) of the family *Urticaceae*, (the nettle family) of chiefly coarse herbs armed with stinging hairs 2 : any of various prickly or stinging plants other than the true nettles (genus *Urtica*)

nett-le *vt* **net-tled**; **net-ting** \nēt-ting, -tēng\ *(15c)* 1 : to strike or sting with or as if with nettles 2 : to arouse to sharp but transitory annoyance or anger *syn* see **IRRITATE**

nettle rash *n* (1740) : **URTICARIA**

nett-le-some \nēt'l̄-sōm\ *adj* (1766) : causing vexation : **IRRITATING**

nett-veined \nēt-vānd\ *adj* (1861) : having veins arranged in a fine network (a ~ leaf) — compare **PARALLEL-VEINED**; see **VENATION** illustration

nett-winged \nēt-wīnd\ *adj* (ca. 1890) : having wings with a fine network of veins

net-work \nēt-wōrk\ *n* (1560) 1 : fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings 2 : a system of lines or channels resembling a network 3 a : an interconnected or interrelated chain, group, or system (a ~ of hotels) b : a system of computers, terminals, and databases connected by communications lines 4 a : a group of radio or television stations linked by wire or radio relay b : a radio or television company that produces programs for broadcast over such a network

network *vt* (1887) 1 : to cover with or as if with a network (a continent ... so ~ed with navigable rivers and canals —*Lamp*) 2 : chiefly *Brit* : to distribute for broadcast on a television network; also : **BROAD-**

CAST 3 3 : to join (as computers) in a network ~ *vi* : to engage in networking

net-work-ing *n* (1966) 1 : the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions 2 : the establishment or use of a computer network

Neuf-châtel \nū-shă-tel\, nyü-, -nō(r)-\ *n* [F, fr. *Neufchâtel*, France] (ca. 1865) : a soft unripened cheese similar to cream cheese but containing less fat and more moisture

neume \nūm\, nyūm\ *n* [ME, fr. ML *pneuma*, *neuma*, fr. Gk *pneuma* breath — more at **PNEUMATIC**] (14c) : any of various symbols used in the notation of Gregorian chant — **neo-mat-ic** \nō-mā-tik, nyü-\ *adj*

neur- or **neuro-** *comb form* [NL, fr. Gk, *nerve*, sinew, fr. *neuron* — more at **NERVE**] 1 : nerve (**neural**) (**neurology**) 2 : neural : neural and (**neuromuscular**)

neu-ral \nūr-əl, nyü-\ *adj* (ca. 1847) 1 : of, relating to, or affecting a nerve or the nervous system 2 : situated in the region of or on the same side of the body as the brain and spinal cord : **DORSAL** — **neu-ral-ly** \nūr-əlē\ *adv*

neural arch *n* (ca. 1860) : the cartilaginous or bony arch enclosing the spinal cord on the dorsal side of a vertebra

neural crest *n* (ca. 1885) : the ridge of one of the folds forming the neural tube that gives rise to the spinal ganglia and various structures of the autonomic nervous system

neu-ral-gia \nūr'-al-jə, nyü-\ *n* [NL] (ca. 1834) : acute paroxysmal pain radiating along the course of one or more nerves usu. without demonstrable changes in the nerve structure — **neu-ral-gic** \nūr'-jik\ *adj*

neural net *n* (1949) : a computer architecture in which a number of processors are interconnected in a manner suggestive of the connections between neurons in a human brain and which is able to learn by a process of trial and error — called also **neural network**

neural plate *n* (1888) : a thickened plate of ectoderm along the dorsal midline of the early vertebrate embryo that gives rise to the neural tube and crests

neural tube *n* (1888) : the hollow longitudinal dorsal tube formed by infolding and subsequent fusion of the opposite ectodermal folds in the vertebrate embryo that gives rise to the brain and spinal cord

neur-amin-ic acid \nūr'-ə-mī-nō-dās, nyür-\ *n* [*neuraminic acid*, an amino acid + -ide + -ase] (1956) : a glycosidase that splits mucoproteins by breaking a glucoside link and occurs esp. in influenza viruses as an antigen

neur-as-the-nia \nūr-əs-'thē-nē-ə, nyür-\ *n* [NL] (1856) : an emotional and psychic disorder that is characterized esp. by easy fatigability and often by lack of motivation, feelings of inadequacy, and psychosomatic symptoms — **neur-as-thenic** \nūr-əs-'thē-nik, -'thē-\ *adj* or *n* — **neur-as-then-i-cal-ly** \nūr-əs-'thē-nik-lē\ *adv*

neu-ri-lem-ma \nūr'-ə-lem-mə, nyür-\ *n* [NL, fr. *neur-* + Gk *eilema* covering, coil, fr. *eilein* to wind; akin to Gk *eilein* to wrap — more at **VOLUBLE**] (1852) : the plasma membrane surrounding a Schwann cell of a myelinated nerve fiber and separating layers of myelin — **neu-ri-lem-mal** \nūr'-ə-lem-məl\ *adj*

neu-ri-tis \nūr'-i-tas, nyūr-\ *n*, *pl* **-rit-i-des** \nūr'-i-tə-dēz\ or **-rit-is-es** [NL] (1840) : an inflammatory or degenerative lesion of a nerve marked esp. by pain, sensory disturbances, and impaired or lost reflexes — **neu-rit-ic** \nūr'-i-tik\ *adj* or *n*

neu-ro-ac-tive \nūr'-ə-ak-tiv\, nyür-\ *adj* (1961) : stimulating neural tissue

neu-ro-anat-o-my \nūr'-ə-na-tə-mē\ *n* (ca. 1899) : the anatomy of nervous tissue and the nervous system — **neu-ro-an-a-tom-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mī-kəl\ also **neu-ro-an-a-tom-i-cm** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mī-kəl\ *adj* — **neu-ro-anat-o-mist** \nūr'-ə-na-tā-mīst\ *n*

neu-ro-bi-ol-ogy \nūr'-ə-bi-ol'-ōjē\, nyür-\ *n* (1906) : a branch of the life sciences that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system — **neu-ro-bi-o-logic-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-bi-ol'-ōjik\ *adj* — **neu-ro-biol-ogist** \nūr'-ə-bi-ol'-ōjist\ *n*

neu-ro-bla-sto-ma \nūr'-ə-blās-tō-mə, nyūr-\ *n* [NL, fr. ISV *neuroblast* embryonic ganglion cell, fr. *neur-* + *blast*] (1910) : a malignant tumor formed of embryonic ganglion cells

neu-ro-chem-is-try \nūr'-ə-chem-istrē\ *n* (1924) 1 : the study of the chemical makeup and activities of nervous tissue 2 : chemical processes and phenomena related to the nervous system — **neu-ro-chem-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-chem-ī-kəl\ *adj* or *n* — **neu-ro-chem-ist** \nūr'-ə-chem-ist\ *n*

neu-ro-de-gen-er-a-tive \nūr'-ə-de-jē-nə-tiv\, -jen-rā-, -dē-\ *adj* (1907) : relating to or characterized by degeneration of nervous tissue

neu-ro-en-do-crine \nūr'-ə-en-dō-k्रēn\, -krēn\, -krēn\ *adj* (1922) 1 : of, relating to, or being a hormonal substance that influences the activity of nerves 2 : of, relating to, or functioning in neurosecretion

neu-ro-en-do-cri-nol-o-gy \nūr'-ə-en-dō-kri-nōlōjē\ *n* (1922) : a branch of the life sciences dealing with neurosecretion and the physiological interaction between the central nervous system and the endocrine system — **neu-ro-en-do-cri-no-logic-i-cal** \nūr'-ə-en-dō-kri-nōlōjik\, -krēn\, -krēn\ *adj* — **neu-ro-en-do-cri-nol-o-gist** \nūr'-ə-en-dō-kri-nolōjist\ *n*

neu-ro-fi-bril \nūr'-fi-brēl\, -fēl\, -fēl\ *n* [NL *neurofibrilla*, fr. *neur-* + *fibrilla*] (1898) : a fine proteinaceous fibril that is found in cytoplasm (as of a neuron or a paramacrom) and is capable of conducting excitation — **neu-ro-fi-bril-lary** \nūr'-fi-brēl-ärē\ *adj*

neu-ro-fi-bro-ma \nūr'-fi-brō-mə, nyūr-\ *n* (1892) : a fibroma composed of nervous and connective tissue and produced by proliferation of Schwann cells

neu-ro-fi-bro-ma-to-sis \nūr'-fi-brō-mā-tō-sēs\, nyūr-\ *n* [NL, fr. *neurofibromat*, *neurofibroma*] (1896) : a disorder inherited as an autosomal dominant and characterized esp. by brown spots on the skin, neurofibromas of peripheral nerves, and deformities of subcutaneous tissue and bone

neu-ro-gen-ic \nūr'-ə-je-nik, nyür-\ *adj* (1901) 1 : originating in or controlled by nervous tissue (~ heartbeat) 2 : induced or modified by nervous factors; esp : disordered because of abnormally altered neural relations — **neu-ro-gen-i-cal-ly** \nūr'-ə-je-nik-lē\ *adv*

neu-ro-gli \nūr'-ō-glē-, nyūr-, -rä-, -(y)ür-\ *n* [Gk, fr. *neur-* + MGk *glia* glue — more at **CLAY**] (1873) : supporting tissue intermingled with the essential elements of nervous tissue esp. in the brain, spinal cord, and ganglia — **neu-ro-gli-al** \nūr'-ə-glāl\ *adj*

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